

" Gobinda.  
" Kali Das.  
" Guru Da.

" Widow of Kulas C. Mukerga.

" Four Girls at Miss Laing's Institution.

" Besides these, there are twelve baptized children connected with the mission—making a total of 47 as the fruits of the Church's endeavours to rear up a native Church, and train to the decencies and the purities of Christian life.

" Finally, under this section: It is well known to the Church that the premises which are at present occupied as the Central Institution at Calcutta are held on lease. It expires in about two years; and if we would secure the permanence and stability of our mission, it has now become necessary to erect buildings in Calcutta worthy of the cause in which the Church is embarked. By the liberality of the friends of that cause, provision has been made for the erection of mission premises at each of the other two presidencies. In the course of a few months between £6000 and £7000 were subscribed for these objects; and our brethren at Madras and Bombay either are, or may soon, be placed in circumstances which will contribute at once to their comfort and efficiency as regards the buildings which they occupy. But the time has now come when a similar arrangement must be made for Calcutta, and for that purpose a sum of not less than ten thousand pounds will be required. The published accounts show that a beginning has already been made in that direction. A sum of upwards of £2000 has already been raised. The munificence of many friends in Manchester, Liverpool, and elsewhere in England, has been displayed in this cause during visits paid to those places by Dr. Duff, since last Assembly.

" We now proceed to

#### " 11. MADRAS.

" Early last year the Rev. R. Johnstone, after long service in India, was obliged by the failure of his health to return to Europe. He is now a member of this House, and perhaps he himself may be able to tell how it has been with him since his return to Scotland. When he left India it was too apparent that he was not the only debilitated member of that mission. The Rev. John Braidwood, another devoted labourer, was in somewhat similar circumstances; and, by more than one physician, he has been ordered home for eighteen months or two years, as the only means of recruiting his health, or prolonging his life. He is now on his voyage, and perhaps already approaching the shores of Britain.

" Nor is this all. It will be in the recollection of the Assembly that last year's Report announced the appointment and ordination of the Rev. James Drummond as a missionary to Madras. He proceeded by sea, and his voyage was very protracted.—Contrary to expectation, he reached India

during the hot season, and after labouring for only a few months at Madras, his health gave way. No fewer than three medical certificates were transmitted during last winter to the Committee; and the result of an investigation of Mr. Drummond's case and constitution, was an opinion very strongly expressed by the medical gentlemen, that he should return to his native country, and that India was not a sphere of labour for him.

" In this way, the Madras mission was, in one point of view, reduced to its original state—that is, no European missionary but the founder of the mission, the Rev. John Anderson, remained to direct and superintend its extensive operations.

" In the emergency of the Mission at Madras, the native converts have been of signal service; and in the providence of God, the value of native ministry has been tested, and not found wanting. Four students of divinity of the fourth year, and a probationer, have offered their services to the Committee. It is expected that, at no distant date, a selection will be made, and help sent to Madras.

" We now proceed to furnish some account of the central and other institutions in Southern India:—

" 1. The parent Institution and its Triplicane branch, in January last, contained 596 Hindus, and 156 Mohammedans—in all 752. At the girl's examination there were present 368. The actual number on the roll amounted to 1196, including 144 Moslem males, and 53 Moslem females.—The examinations here, and at the other stations, are most thorough, as the papers transmitted to the Committee abundantly shew.

" 2. The Conjevaram branch school, when examined on the 17th of January last, had an attendance of 316, and the Rev. P. Rajagopaul describes it as in a very flourishing condition. The sons of the highest officials in the city are sitting side by side with Shanars and Pullcees, receiving a most thorough Bible education.

" 3. The Chingleput branch school contains 317 pupils, all taught the religion of the true God, and of Jesus Christ, the true Saviour, in connexion with the useful branches of secular knowledge.

" 4. The Nellore branch school contained 383 pupils when examined in January last. There, also, 'the Bible is the main spring and source of life and moral influence.'

" The Committee cannot venture to occupy the attention and time of the Assembly by any reference to the local revenue of the Madras missions. The amount is about 11,150 rupees.

" Nor are these the only labours of your missionaries and native ministers at Madras. From town to town the gospel is preached in the native tongues of the district.

" The remaining Presidency is